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In re Application of:

**Raymond Allan Pickup et al**

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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED September 13, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is December 13, 2004, this Response is considered timely filed.